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Alleged inconveniences due to the modifications in Guntakal Railway station.

*767-B Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received complaints about the inconveniences to the travelling public caused by the modifications carried out at the Guntakal station, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, and if not, whether they will cause an enquiry to be made;

(b) whether there is any waiting shed or water tap near the present booking office;

(c) whether the booking office will be provided on the overbridge as in Chalapur and if not, why not;

(d) whether the trains arriving at and starting from the stations are fully under covered platforms and if not, what those trains are which are not so;

(e) the number of platforms at the station and whether each is provided with an Indian refreshment stall; and

(f) whether the overbridge is far off from the platforms to the inconvenience of the travelling public?

A.—The Government have not received any complaints about the inconveniences referred to. The matter is one which the hon. Member might well bring to the notice of the Local Advisory Committee of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway.

Supply of drinking water at Nandyal railway station.

*767-C Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Railway station of Nandyal in the Kurnool district was hitherto served by a copious supply of water pumped from the Kundu river and supplied through a pipe;

(b) whether it is a fact that that practice has been now discontinued;

(c) why it was so discontinued;

(d) whether at present water is supplied to the passengers at train time by a water-carrier from whom certain classes may not accept water; and

(e) whether any further scheme for a free and copious supply of water as usual through a pipe is under contemplation?

A.—The Government have no information. The matter is one which the hon. Member might bring to the notice of the Local Advisory Committee of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway.

Alleged inordinate delays in the suburban train service.

*768 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received complaints about the inordinate delays in the suburban train service between Madras Beach and Pallavaram and the consequent inconveniences to the travelling public; and

(b) what steps they propose to take to set aright the defective service?

A.—(a) No.

(b) A copy of the interpellation will be forwarded to the Agent, South Indian Railway.